

- Q How about the father? Did you talk to the father, James Mills?
- A The father, he was very much affected over the sad news of the death of his wife, and just in a preliminary way, preliminary talk; that is all.
- Q You had no stenographic report of that conversation taken down?
- A No, sir.
- Q Did you make any search of the Mills house at that time?
- A No, sir.
- Q How long were you there?
- A Possibly fifteen minutes altogether.
- Q Was it your general practice in the investigation of homicide cases to take statements from persons and not have them taken down stenographically?
- A In many instances; yes, sir.
- Q You realized that this was an important case, didn't you?
- A Oh, yes.
- Q Still you didn't have a stenographer taking down?
- A We had no stenographer with us that day.
- Q You didn't make a search of the Mills house?
- A No, sir.
- Q When you had your conversation with Mrs. Hall you didn't have a stenographer either?
- A No, sir; Mr. Beekman and I were there together.

MR. SIMPSON: Will you please keep your voice up.

- A (Continuing) There was no stenographic statement taken from